

Membership Information

March 6, 2016

GBYC

Club Objectives: The primary objective of GBYC is to promote and support sailing activities. Racing, cruising and social activities are sponsored by the club as interest in these activities are expressed by members. In order to encourage newcomers to the sport, GBYC is pledged to maintain an economical dues structure, which means the club expects active participation of all members.

*Preamble to GBYC By Laws recorded June 2, 1958, NH
Secretary of State Records of Voluntary
Corporations, Volume 284, Page 57*

Board of Governors and Bylaws (summary)

- There are 10 Board Members. Board meetings are open to attendance by any member in good standing, upon request.
- Board members include the following:
 - Commodore
 - Vice Commodore
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Sailing Master
 - Membership Committee Chair
 - Mooring Committee Chair
 - Membership Committee Chair
 - The two previous Commodores
- Board job descriptions (see bylaws). Note, it is a club goal to limit terms for board members to two years. This is to encourage turnover.
- The Board maintains the following standing committees
 - Sailing Committee, appointed and chaired by the Sailing Master
 - Membership Committee, consisting of Commodore, Vice Commodore and chaired by the Membership Committee Chair
 - Club Facilities Committee, appointed by Board and chaired by The Vice Commodore
 - Mooring Committee, appointed by Board and chaired by the Mooring Committee Chairman
- The Secretary will keep notes from the meetings and will make them available to the membership.
- Dues are established to cover the cost of operations, tax, insurance, water, portable toilet, maintenance, future capital improvements, and other necessary expenses to run the club.
- The Board decides on policies, procedures and dues. They are summarized and issued annually in the "Membership Information" packet which also contains a club history, dues/fees, and the bylaws.
- At the Annual Meeting, the general membership elects Board members by 2/3 majority of those in attendance plus proxy votes. Modifications to bylaws must also be voted on by the membership in attendance plus proxy votes. Additional business will be voted on only by those present.
- Use of Club and the privileges summarized below are available to all members in good standing.

Membership

- To be a member, applicants must fill out the application form and submit to the Board. To be a member, they must receive approval from the Board and be current in all their dues.

- Memberships are provided to singles or family. Family members include spouse/significant other and dependent children.
- During annual meetings, and other membership meetings, there is only one vote per membership... that is one vote per family. Proxy voting shall be permitted.
- Members in good standing have full use of the facilities including parking, picnic area dingy storage and dock.
- New members are considered probationary for one year from acceptance of their application. If at the end of the year, their membership is revoked, the initiation fee shall be returned. Otherwise the initiation fee is non-refundable. Dues are not refundable.
- Membership shall be limited as deemed appropriate by the Board, but it is generally to be maintained at less than 50 members.
- Previous members who have left on good terms may request that their initiation fee be waived. This will be at the discretion of the Board.

Dues

- Dues are to be paid by March 31st of each year. Dues not be paid by this date will be subject to a late fee. See summary of Current Dues and Fees.
- To remain a member in good standing, dues (and any applicable late fees or other charges) shall be paid by June 1st unless other arrangements have been made in advance with the Board.

Moorings

- The club maintains several moorings at Dover Point and one at the Isle of Shoals. These moorings are available to members only.
- The Dover Point moorings may be rented from the club for an additional fee. The moorings are typically available between May 15th and October 15th, but the schedule will be determined by the mooring chair. This fee shall be paid by March 31st of each year. An application is available on line and shall be submitted to the Board for approval. See summary of Dues and Fees.
- The Isle of Shoals mooring is to be used as a transient mooring for members only. If other members are currently on the mooring, they shall raft up when additional members arrive. Rafting of guest boats is permitted at the discretion of the members present, however members have priority. The club burgee should be flown when on this mooring.

Courtesies

- Parking is limited... Parking is reserved for membership and is limited to a maximum of two spaces per member. We ask that parking be done as efficiently as possible to maximize the space. Two rows of cars shall be parked in the lawn.
- A 15 foot minimum space shall be maintained along the hedge row to the north as this is a ROW for abutting properties.
- Lockers' will be issued to members on a first come first serve basis by the Board generally based on seniority. Lockers are limited and not everyone may get one.
- The club does not maintain in trash receptacles. Each member shall be responsible for removing all their trash.
- Other than dingy's and boats in active use, there is no long-term storage permitted at the facility. This includes the storage of boats that are not being used.
- Fresh water is available at the club with a faucet next to the storage shed and another located on the docks. To use the water, the main valve must be turned on at the stainless steel box located next to the shed. There is also a shutoff valve located on the left side of the crib. The main shutoff in the stainless steel box must be closed after each use; do not leave this valve open.
- Noise: All members should be respectful of our neighbors along Wentworth Terrace as well as in the mooring field.

- Dock: The dock is available for tying up tenders only. Tenders shall be defined as 12 feet or less. Tenders and engines shall be secured to avoid damage to other boats including covering the props of engines when they are in the raised position. No aluminum tenders Temporary use of the dock for provisioning is available at the end. Temporary use shall be limited to 1-hour or less if other boats are in need of using the space. The captain of the vessel shall be present at all times when docked temporarily. This space shall be otherwise always kept clear.

Guest Use of the Club

- The club is for member use and invited guests only.
- However, GBYC encourages guests to join members in the use of the facilities. A member shall always be present when friends are at the club. Additional vehicles should be parked at the Hilton Park and carpooling shall be done to keep parking available to other members.
- Guests that use the facility without the presence of a member shall be required to become a member, at the discretion of the Board.

Reciprocity with other clubs

- GBYC encourages other clubs to use our facilities. Other club members shall communicate with the Commodore to obtain permission.

General Membership Meetings/Socials

- The club generally holds two meetings/socials. These are generally held in the Spring and Fall.
- Club information will be provided at these meetings including:
 - report from the Commodore
 - financial report
 - facilities report
 - updates on policies and procedures, if any

Regattas

- The club occasionally hosts regattas at the facility. There is generally one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Members are encouraged to participate in assisting with the event.

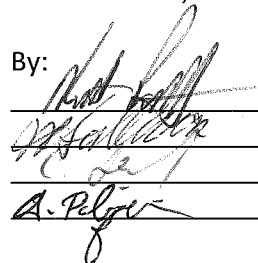
Responsibilities

- Parking is limited... Parking is reserved for membership.
- Work Days: The club is a volunteer club. This is how we keep our dues low. In return we ask that all members contribute in some way. This includes assistance during work days, clean-up days, special projects, docks-in, and docks-out. We also need assistance in general grounds keeping such as lawn mowing.
- All members shall be responsible for securing and maintaining appropriate insurances while using club facilities.

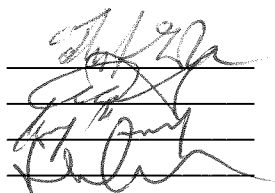
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By:



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Current Dues and Fees
March 6, 2016
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Membership Dues

- New members shall pay a one-time non-refundable initiation fee. Initiation fee is \$350.
- Dues are \$275 per year payable by March 31st of each year.
- Late fees shall be assessed at \$25 per month through June 1st.
- If dues and assessed late fees are not paid by June 1st, then the membership status may be terminated by Board action.
- Dues and late fees are deemed payable whether invoices are received or not.
- Junior membership is extended to anyone duly sponsored and under 18 years of age. The dues shall be established by the Board.

Mooring Rentals

- \$650 per year for a boat up to and including 25 feet in length.
- \$25 per foot additional for each foot above 25 feet
- Mooring rental fees shall be payable by March 31st.
- Late fees shall be assessed at \$25 per month through June 1st.
- If rental fees and assessed late fees are not paid by June 1st, then the rental shall be revoked.
- Rental fees and late fees are deemed payable whether invoices are received or not.


Temporary Use Fees


- GBYC allows other clubs to use our facilities by anchoring in the field and using access. This shall be limited to two night and three days. Permission shall be obtained from the Commodore. If a club mooring is available, use may be extended to the guest.
- Use in excess of three days shall be at the discretion of the Commodore and shall be subject to a temporary use fee.
- Temporary use fees may be as high as \$5 per day for no mooring and \$10 per day with a mooring.

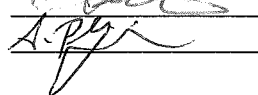
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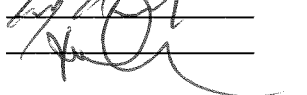












Great Bay Yacht Club - History

"Organized to foster the sport of sailing in the community around the Great Bay Area of New Hampshire"

Although incorporated as a New Hampshire non-for-profit organization in 1958, the *Great Bay Yacht Club* actually began in 1954, when an enthusiastic group of sailors in the Great Bay Area got together to race their vessels every Sunday during the summer months, and reminisce and make plans during the winter months to encourage even more racing activities.

During that time, most races were held in Great Bay, many in the vicinity of Cedar Point and Adams Point.

In 1960, the club was finally able to purchase a small piece of property just north of Hilton Park at Dover Point. A dock was built, and a small storage building was added.

Since then, the club has held yearly races and continued the mission of the original founders of the club, which was to promote sailing in the Great Bay Area. The original racing vessels were of Ned McIntosh's "MerryMac" design, and there are still some members of the club today who are proud to own one of the original MerryMacs.

Presently, laser racing at the club has become well-known, and regattas are held with entrants from all over New England. The regattas are becoming more popular each year, and the club has managed to accommodate all racers and onlookers, despite the lack of an actual clubhouse building with facilities such as plumbing and electricity. In inclement weather, these hardy sailors have been known to stand out in the freezing rain or under a tarp to get race results and grab a burger from the ever-present grill, while regaling each other with their strategies and past racing experiences.

The excitement builds as the word of these regattas spreads further from year to year.

Exactly what our venturesome forefathers had in mind.

For further information, visit www.greatbayyachtclub.org

BY-LAWS OF GREAT BAY YACHT CLUB, INC.

February 28, 2009

PREAMBLE: Great Bay Yacht Club, Inc., is hereby organized to foster the sport of sailing in the community around the Great Bay area of New Hampshire, with the power also to carry out the other objectives set forth in the Articles of Agreement of the corporation.

ARTICLE I – Membership. Candidates for membership in GBYC are to submit to the membership committee a properly completed GBYC Membership Application Form. The candidates are expected to own or have the use of a sailboat, preferably a Merry Mac, and to agree to use it for club activities. The membership committee will interview the candidate and determine whether a probationary membership will be extended to the applicant. Probationary members have all the privileges and responsibilities of a regular member except that of a vote during business meetings of the club. Prior to the fall business meeting, the Board of Governors will determine if probationary members will be extended regular membership or if their membership is to be terminated with return of initiation fee.

Membership is automatically extended to all dependents of a regular or probationary member. Each membership is accorded two parking permits with the exception of Wentworth Terrace residences who will receive no parking permit with their memberships.

A class of junior membership is available for anyone who is under eighteen years of age, duly sponsored and who pays a fee as suggested by the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE II – Officers. There shall be the following elected officers from the regular membership:

Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Sailing Master, Membership Committee Chairman, Mooring Committee Chairman, and a Membership Representative of the Board of Governors. The officers of the club shall be elected at the fall meeting with the chairman of a nominating committee conducting the election. As soon as the officers are elected, they will assume office.

The duty of the **Commodore** is to conduct the regular and special meetings of the club; be the official spokesman, representative, and legal officer of the club; be responsible for calling all meetings; prepare the agenda for the Board of Governors meetings; and preside over the Board of Governors meetings.

The duty of the **Vice Commodore** is to chair the Club Facilities Committee and to perform the duties of the Commodore at his/her request and in his/her absence.

The duty of the **Secretary** is to record and report the minutes of all club and Board of Governors Meetings; to accept, answer and retain all correspondence; to keep an accurate roll of the members; and to notify all members of all meetings.

The duty of the **Treasurer** is to collect dues, to pay the club's financial obligations, to keep all monies, and to make reports on all accounts at all club and Board of Governors meetings. The Commodore will assume the duties of this office in the Treasurer's absence.

The duty of the **Sailing Master** is to organize and promote club cruises and racing programs, and to arrange and provide leadership for other social events of the club.

The duty of the **Membership Committee Chairman** is to receive and process membership applications, conduct prospective member meetings, and report to and advise the Board of Governors on the status of prospective and probationary members.

The duty of the **Mooring Committee Chairman** is to assist members with mooring safety, regulatory, and maintenance information; serve as a club contact person along with the Commodore in dealings with the N.H. Port Authority and the Great Bay Harbor Master; provide assistance to mooring and boat owners if problems occur in the GBYC mooring area; arrange for maintenance of club owned moorings; and maintain a mooring area chart showing the name, number and location of club and members' moorings.

The duty of the **Membership Representative to the Board of Governors** is to attend all Board of Governors meetings and relay opinions of the general membership for consideration by the Board in the conduct of club business.

The **Board of Governors** shall consist of all elected officers and the two previous Commodores, It shall be the duty of the Board of Governors to perform all the regular business of the club, to arrange the sailing dates, to determine the rules governing sailing, to arrange the time and place of intra-club activities, and to arrange inter-club meetings. The actions of the Board of Governors become the Rules of the Great Bay Yacht Club. The Board of Governors shall report on its activities through club newsletters and at all business meetings.

ARTICLE III – Rules. Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail at all meetings of the club. The "Rules of the Great Bay Yacht Club" shall provide guidance for the conduct of club members and shall govern the use of club facilities and club property. The Rules shall be reviewed and updated by the Board of Governors at least once each year.

ARTICLE IV – Grievance Procedures. A member may propose to any member of the Board of Governors at any time any subject for its consideration. If the member is not satisfied with the disposition of this proposal by the Board of Governors, the member may bring the proposal to the membership at the next business meeting following the Board of Governors' meeting at which no action or an adverse action was taken concerning the proposed request.

ARTICLE V – Meetings. There shall be a fall and spring meeting each year at which regular business of the club may be conducted. Additional meetings or special business meetings may be called on five days notice. All meetings shall be announced by mail.

ARTICLE VI – Committees. The following standing committees shall be established:

- 1.A Sailing Committee whose members are appointed by the Board of Governors and led by thy

Sailing Master;

2.A Membership Committee, composed of the Commodore, Vice Commodore and led by the Membership Committee Chairman;

3.A Club Facilities Committee whose members are appointed by the Board of Governors and chaired by the Vice Commodore; and

4.A Mooring Committee whose members are appointed by the Board of Governors and chaired by the Mooring Committee Chairman.

ARTICLE VII – Termination of Membership. A member in good standing may withdraw from the club by written response. Members will be subject to termination if dues are not paid by June 1.

Former members of the club, having resigned in good standing, may be reinstated upon written request and payment of the current year's dues, provided the club membership limit is not exceeded. If club membership is full, the reinstatement request will be placed in chronological order of receipt with new member application to be acted upon in turn.

ARTICLE VIII - Voting. The Business of the club conducted at its regular or special meetings shall be voted upon in the following manner;

1.The By-Laws or Constitution of the club may be changed only by unanimous vote of those members voting in person or by proxy, or by a majority vote on an identical motion at two consecutive meetings by those voting in person or by proxy.

2.The officers of the club shall be elected by a two-thirds majority vote of those members voting in person or by proxy.

3.All other business of the club shall be enacted by a majority vote of those members voting in person.

4.Voting members shall be the adult members of the family.

ARTICLE IX – Club Burgee. The burgee of the club shall be a regulation pennant of crimson red upon which the white profiles of two M-shaped waves shall be mounted in a manner acceptable to the Board of Governors.

AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF GREAT BAY YACHT CLUB, INC. - 2009

The members have voted to amend the By-Laws to add the below Article X – Indemnification by majority vote on an identical motion at two consecutive meetings by those voting in person or by proxy as required by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE X – Indemnification. No Officer shall be liable to the club or to any member for any mistake or error in judgment or for any act or omission believed in good faith to be within the scope of authority conferred by the By-Laws. The club shall indemnify any Officer against all liability from any type of cause of action whether it is brought in contract, negligence, or tort for all judgments, settlements, penalties, or fines (including all reasonable expenses such as attorney's fees). The club shall have no obligation to indemnify an Officer in the event of willful misconduct or gross negligence. The term of this article shall survive the termination or dissolution of the club.